Public Utilities Commission

Fund: Public Utilities Commission (0229-20)

Sources: Each public utility and railroad corporation, subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, annually pays a special regulatory fee in such amount as determined by the Commission (§61-1001, §61-1004). The fee shall not exceed one percent of the gross operating revenues derived from the intrastate business of each railroad corporation and shall not exceed three-tenths of one per cent of the gross operating revenues derived from the intrastate business of each public utility.

Security issuance fees collected by the Commission are credited to this fund (§61-905).

The Commission no longer administers the Air Carrier Act because its regulation of the airline industry was federally pre-empted in 1978. Also, the Commission no longer administers the Motor Carrier Act because the Idaho legislature moved those activities (HB 335aaS 1999) to the Idaho Transportation Department and the Department of Law Enforcement effective July 1, 1999.

Uses:

The moneys from this fund are used to pay the costs of regulating utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission.

Budget Unit: PCAB(900) Utilities Regulation

FY 03 \$3,931,965

FY 04 \$4,066,903

FY 05 \$4,179,403

FY 06 \$4,170,489

FY 07 \$4,200,805

Fund: Federal Grant (0348-00)

Sources: The fiscal year 2002 budget included funding to commence a natural gas pipeline safety program. The federal government, through the Office of Pipeline Safety, inspects only interstate pipelines. The PUC is responsible for intrastate pipelines. The federal government provides matching funds of up to 50% for the state program.

Uses:

Primary responsibilities involve physical inspection of pipelines, evaluation of operating procedures, and investigation of accidents. Federal funds are used to support the salary of one pipeline safety engineer, training, operating costs, furnishings, computer equipment, and a vehicle.

Budget Unit: PCAB(900) Utilities Regulation

FY 03 \$0 FY 04 \$43,849 FY 05 \$52.552

FY 06 \$44,171

FY 07 \$54,781

Public Utilities Commission Grand Total

FY 03 \$3,931,965

FY 04 \$4,110,753

FY 05 \$4,231,955

FY 06 \$4,214,660

FY 07 \$4,255,586